

HCS SB 136 -- ELECTION DEADLINES

SPONSOR: Goode (Deeken)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute makes several changes to deadlines relating to elections. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Changes the deadline for the first meeting after the election of the city council each year in third class cities from the third to the fourth Tuesday in April;
- (2) Changes the opening filing date for an office in a political subdivision or special district from the fifteenth Tuesday to the sixteenth Tuesday prior to an election; and
- (3) Changes the deadline for the first meeting after an annual election for school boards in seven-director districts from seven to 14 days after the election.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these changes will allow more time for candidates to file and newly elected officials to meet in certain school districts and cities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Deeken; Missouri Municipal League; Missouri Council of School Administrators; Missouri School Boards Association; Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis; Cooperating School Districts of Kansas City; and Office of the Secretary of State.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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